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SUBJECT: WFP RESPONDS ON REFUGEE PIPELINE FUNDING FOR TANZANIA

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¶1. Summary: the World Food Program's Director of Fundraising and Donor Relations was not in a position to respond to why refugee rations remained at reduced levels given the previously reported USG contribution (REF B) as well as contributions from ECHO and the Government of Belgium, but she promised to look into the matter.

¶2. WFP confirmed that the 10 million Euro contribution from ECHO had been received and indicated that they were working towards securing an additional 10 million EURO contribution from Europe Aid for the Tanzanian PRRO. WFP stressed that they do not view the State PRM contributions as a component of core funding; rather, they see State PRM funding as an extremely helpful tool in their efforts to fill gaps in the delivery of food aid. End Summary.

¶3. The U.S. Mission to the U.N. Agencies for Food and Agriculture's (FODAG) Humanitarian Attach Timothy Lavelle and Project Budget Specialist John Brooks met with WFP's Director of Fundraising Valerie Sequeira and Resources Officer Rose Linda Barbuto to discuss: WFP's strategy for eliciting funding from non-traditional sources in support of its refugee feeding program in Tanzania, the status of the financial contribution from the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) for refugees in Tanzania, and WFP's reporting rationale as it relates to donor contributions.

¶4. While the meeting was mildly productive, it was apparent that a number of the questions being posed to WFP headquarters staff would have been better received on the country level. As FODAG will be participating in a joint Mission to Uganda and Tanzania later in the week with State PRM's Mary Margaret Knudson, it was communicated that a number of the more detailed questions should be posed to WFP staff in the field.

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Identifying non-traditional funding sources  
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¶5. WFP acknowledged the importance of attracting non-traditional donors to the effort to feed refugees. And while they are always on the lookout for creative solutions to their resourcing needs, they were not able to immediately identify any country that would be sympathetic to the needs of refugees in Tanzania beyond those that have already contributed. WFP encouraged FODAG to recommend other countries that might be in a position to help.

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European contributions  
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¶6. WFP reported that the 10 million Euro (approximately USD 10.5 million) contribution from ECHO had been received.

¶7. WFP also reported that they were working to secure an additional 10 million Euro from Europe Aid for the Tanzanian PRRO. WFP expects this would-be contribution to be confirmed within the next two weeks.

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Reporting rationale  
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¶8. WFP informed FODAG that only confirmed contributions are reported. In short, unless WFP has a signed commitment letter from a would-be donor, it is not reported. The donor's intent to contribute is not reportable.

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Next steps  
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¶9. During the joint US Mission/Rome-State PRM visit to Uganda and Tanzania commencing August 22, every opportunity

will be seized upon to follow-up on these issues from the field level. BERTON

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